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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT BUSH FROM AKP CHAIRMAN ERDOGAN

Embassy received diplomatic note dated January 21 from the MFA requesting us to forward a letter from AK Party Chairman Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Original to follow. Below is the translation of the letter:

His Excellency George W. Bush President United States of America

I would like to thank you for the warm interest you have showed me and my delegation during my visit to your country. I believe that the sincere and constructive talks we conducted should contribute to further improving our bilateral relations and cooperation in every field. I would like to invite you to Turkey at a suitable time for you and continue our talks.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, I would like to reiterate my best wishes for your personal health and happiness and for the prosperity and happiness of the friendly American people.

Sincerely,

/s/

Recep Tayyip Erdogan Chairman Justice and Development Party

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